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REMARKS

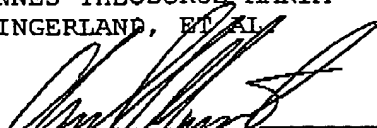
In the most recent Office Action, claims 1-27 were under examination. Claim 1-27 are subject to a restriction and/or election requirement. Claim 7-11, 13-14, 16 and 20 are cancelled from the application without prejudice. Claims 1-5, 23, 25 and 27 are amended. New claims 28-41 are added. No new matter is added.

In response, applicant elects species 2 drawn to Fig. 12-16. Amended claims 1-6, 12, 15, 17-19 and 21-27, as well as new claims 28-41 are believed to be readable on the elected species. Furthermore, Applicants believe that claim 1 is generic to all species of Groups 1 and 2. Claim 1 is believed to be readable upon all Figs. 3 and 8-16.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney to discuss any matter, which would expedite allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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